>HIGH COURT JUDGE< >REFUSES "STAY"< >FOR WOODSIDE<

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A High Court judge yesterday (7 Nov) refused a request for a stay of the injunction empowering Mid Beds Council to "clear" Woodside caravan park, near Sandy.

As a result, Cliff Codona, chairman of the National Travellers Action Group, and members of his family have been told to quit the site by 5pm on Friday (8 Nov).

In addition to the ten caravans owned by the Codonas, another five belonging to Tommy Ward and his relations are presently on the site.

"I will be here when the council comes," said Mr Codona. "And I'll be asking them to where I'm supposed to move."

On Monday, Travellers at Woodside stopped an attempted eviction by Mid Beds Council. Clearance of Woodside has so far cost an estimated £500,000, including legal fees.

The Labour Group on Mid Beds Council is calling for a public inquiry into this waste of public money. Meanwhile, Mr Codona has summitted a fresh planning application.

Lawyers yesterday argued that the Codonas should be allowed to stay at Woodside until this application is processed. Families on three plots at Woodside are already being permitted to remain pending a planning decision.

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caravan pitches to "homeless" families now on the roadside.